

AT LAST STAND

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FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, FOOD

Foresee Impossible Taxation Coming After War.

Seizure of Property Necessary to Pay War Bills.

BY J. W. T. MASON.

New York, Aug. 1.—The warring nations of Europe are at the last stand, as they enter today upon the third year of the conflict.

Two years of prodigal expenditures, of enormous losses and of indecisive victories and defeats have led up to the final phase of the great struggle which discloses neither side able to yet to dictate terms to the other. The allies and the central empires have not even decided among themselves as to the details of their own terms. This must be the principal work of their first months during the third year of the war.

The two years of conflict have demonstrated that in a war as complex as the European struggle, other forces beside those controlled by the military play an increasingly important part in the final outcome. The present war map, showing the German lines extending far into enemy countries, and showing also the loss of Germany's colonial empire, is but one element that must enter into any discussion of peace. Lines on either side may hold, but once the enemy establishes a definite superiority in man-killing power, this fact will have a new bearing on peace negotiations.

Other Factors Important.

Financial and economic influences are at work in the final phase of the war: financial, economic and food. Financially, Europe at large is approaching a limit

of impossible taxation after the war, to pay the interest on the money now being so readily borrowed under the influence of patriotic fervor. Believers in the possibility of a new borrowing of billions become necessary. It is practically certain that in some of the warring nations, thinly disguised socialistic seizures of property will have to be made, to pay the war bills, even if the war doesn't last a day longer. If peace continues to be elusive far into the third year of the war, there will be a few countries that in the end will be able to avoid widespread confiscation.

Economically the two years of warfare have not been disastrous for any of the principal belligerents. Workmen's wages, in general, have risen higher than the increased cost of living. The dispatch of so many millions of men to the front and the use of so many millions more in munitions factories have caused a scarcity of ordinary labor throughout Europe.

Central Empires Supply Gone.

The central empires, however, will feel a serious economic strain when the war is over, because their supply of raw materials is rapidly becoming exhausted. The allies have been able to import raw materials continuously during the war while Germany and Austria-Hungary have had to live on their reserves. How to purchase raw materials from abroad in sufficient quantities to provide for the millions of Teuton soldiers returning to work-shops and factories after peace is declared, will present a serious problem for Berlin and Vienna to solve.

For two years, the supply of food in the Teutonic countries has been constantly dropping. The enforcement of a low dietary scale upon the Germans has undoubtedly had some depressing effects, but there is as yet no evidence that actual starvation for the mass of the people is imminent. If the Russian armies, however, can reach the grain fields and cattle pastures of Hungary and Galicia before the August harvesting is over, the Teutons may yet be starved into surrender. But as the third year of the war begins, it seems as if the Russian offensive started too late to accomplish this objective.

Man Burns to Death.

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 1.—Thomas Pruitt, 45 years old, was burned to death early this morning in a blaze which destroyed a rooming house in the final phase of the war: financial, economic and food. Financially, Europe at large is approaching a limit

ALLES WILL WIN

No Question of War's Result, Says Lord Newton.

New World Conditions Will Obtain Through Sacrifice.

London, Aug. 1.—The great war will not be a "drawn game." The allies will surely win the reward of their sacrifices and those sacrifices will have been vain unless there shall result new world conditions of comity and better understanding.

So declared Lord Newton, under secretary of state for foreign affairs in a statement prepared today. It was in response to a query addressed to the foreign office for comment on the second anniversary of the outbreak of the European conflict.

"Entering the third year of the war," Lord Newton asserted, "one is struck by the fact that contemporary events in France indicate the allies' effort, which until now has been largely that of preparation, will not result in the depressing state of equilibrium which some have prophesied for it, using the metaphor, 'a drawn game.' The sacrifice of the men and those of the great French republic and our other allies on scattered gigantic fronts will quite assuredly win their reward."

New Conditions to Come.

"What is to be the reward of all this sacrifice and effort? It is not only punishment of the blood guilt, new world conditions, the allies and the Armenians and Syrians that those who planned such deeds of violence will be bound to be meted out, but it stands the possibility of the future and our sacrifice and effort will have been vain unless there shall arise from all this bloodshed new world conditions in which action between state and state is conducted in an atmosphere of better understanding or when mutual understanding fails, the points at issue be decided more under the influence of the principles of justice."

COTTON CROP SMALLER

Expected Total Production Is 12,916,000 Bales—Condition 72.3 Per Cent.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Condition of the growing cotton crop on July 25 indicated a production of 12,916,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, the department of agriculture today announced in its August cotton report.

That compares with 14,260,000 bales forecast last month by the bureau of crops estimates basing its calculations on the condition of the crop on June 25, and with 11,916,000 bales, last year's final production, 16,134,930 in 1914, 14,166,486 in 1915, and 12,102,421 in 1916. The final output, however, will be larger or smaller than above forecast according as conditions hereafter be better or worse than average conditions.

Condition of the crop on July 25 as compiled from reports of agents and correspondents in the cotton belt was placed at 72.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 81.1 on June 25, 75.4 on July 25 last year, 74.4 in 1914 and 78.8 the ten year average on July 25. During the month storms caused some damage to the crop. In the first week weather was favorable in most places and the crop made satisfactory growth but owing to earlier unfavorable conditions some fields were irregular and in places the plants were small and backward. Boll weevil were reported damaging the crop in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana.

TEN DISCHARGED DAILY

Expect Average of Guards Excused to Reach 100 a Day, Soon.

San Antonio, Aug. 1.—While discharge of national guardsmen with persons dependent on them are now proceeding at the rate of only ten a day, it is expected that another week or so the average will be one hundred a day, it was announced at Fort Sam Houston today. Applications have been pending in for some time, but investigation of each case necessarily is slow.

Out of the 100,000 guardsmen ordered to the border only one man has been incapacitated for duty, as a result of service, it was stated. However, several hundred men have been retired because it was found they had been passed and sent south unfit for duty.

FLY WITH BROKEN LEG

Art Smith Will Put on Show at Frisco with Limb in Cast.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—In spite of the fact that his fractured leg is still in a plaster cast, Art Smith, the young aviator idol of the exposition through, will begin a new engagement of flying Sunday.

He announced this today following his return from Japan. The new schedule calls for a flight here Sunday and flights in the middle western cities. Smith was greeted by a throng of admirers. He displayed 22 gold and jeweled medals presented him in Japan.

TRANSMISSISSIPPI IS ON.

Des Moines Player Leads Field in Qualifying Round of Tourney.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 1.—J. W. Hubbell of Des Moines, Iowa, with a score of 73, led the field in the first 18 holes of qualifying play at the Transmississippi golf tournament here. He went out in 39 and back in 37, one stroke under par for the Interlachen course. The remaining 18 holes of the qualifying round will be played today.

Alden D. Swift of St. Joseph, Mo., present Transmississippi champion, played handicapped by injuries suffered in a recent automobile accident. He made the round in 91, apparently eliminating him from the qualifying class.

TELEGRAPHERS GET RAISE

New York Central and Nickel Plate Grant an 8 Per Cent. Increase.

New York, Aug. 1.—Telegraphers employed by the New York Central and Nickel Plate roads are granted an 8 per cent. increase in pay on lines west of Buffalo and 10 per cent. on lines east of Buffalo in the award filed today by the federal arbitration board which last month heard arguments on the men's demands.

SNAP SHOTS

AT HOME NEWS

The Bell Telephone directory will go to press August 10. Call 22.—Adv.

The Women's Missionary society of the Central Park Christian church at Seventh and Central Park avenue, will meet Thursday morning at 9:30 in the church.

"Hurry home this noon so you can mark my sample ballot for me," one demure wife said to her husband over the telephone today. And so we see the effects of woman suffrage!

The supplies committee of the school board met Monday at the Y. W. C. A. and prepared recommendations for appropriations for supplies to be presented at the next board meeting.

The all time meeting of the Kansas Holiness association will be held Wednesday, August 2, at the Free Methodist church on Lake street. Three services will be held during the day.

During the month of July the police department made a total of 257 arrests. The amount of the current fines collected was \$258.50 and the back fines collected amounted to \$14.75.

Wayne Horning of Grantville called at the office of the county clerk today for a motor license. "What is it, a motorcycle or an automobile?" asked the county clerk. "Neither," said Horning. "It's a Ford."

J. E. Gardiner of Oskaloosa, the one-armed man with a wife and five children on his way to a Ford, declared the road between Topeka and Meriden the worst he has found in his travels this summer.

The court house was open today—that is, the doors were all open and there was someone in every office. But most of the county officials were out. Many of them are candidates and those who are not are friends of candidates. They are making their last efforts to line up voters.

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Half a dozen anonymous letters have been received by the police department giving the names of the robbers of the St. Mary's State bank. Half a dozen people believe they know who robbed the bank. Most of the robbers doubt that some neighbor of theirs is guilty. No two of them mentioned the same person. Most of the tips have been investigated by the police and not a single tip has led anywhere in particular.

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40 DROWNED IN WRECK

Steamer Ecuador in Disaster Near Coronel on Chile Coast.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 1.—The Chilean steamer Ecuador was wrecked near Coronel today. Forty persons were drowned.

Lloyd's register does not divulge the Ecuador as a Chilean ship, but as the property of the Argentine Navigation company, of Buenos Aires. This vessel was 181 feet long and of 650 tons.

SWATTING THE WEEVIL

One Billion Cotton Destroyers Killed by Farmers in Texas.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Aug. 1.—One billion boll weevils were massacred today when farmers of the county brought to a number of punctured cotton squares to be buried. Four hundred dollars in prizes were distributed by local business men, who are conducting a "swat the weevil" campaign.

Block Flood Relief Motion.

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Cut Price of Crude Oil.

Findlay, O., Aug. 1.—Oils purchased by the Ohio Oil company, a big producing company of the Standard, were lowered 5 and 10 cents a barrel today. The new prices are: North and South Lima, \$1.58; Wooster, \$1.80; Illinois, \$1.75; and 10 cents a barrel today. Gasoline prices are expected to drop at once.

BLAME THE FACTS

Army Officers Hold Them Responsible for Bandit Murders.

Sergeant Thompson Gives Details of Ft. Hancock Fight.

BY J. S. JACOBS.

E. Paso, Tex., Aug. 1.—Charges of breach of faith on the part of Carranza military authorities were made by American army officers here following the fight between Mexican bandits and United States troops below Fort Hancock, Tex.

Investigation showed that Carranza troops at San Ignacio clashed with the Villista bandits on the border Sunday. No warning of the bandits' presence was given to Gen. George Bell, Jr. in El Paso despite the reciprocal agreement existing between the two governments.

General Bell's official report of the fight showed that two Americans were killed and another wounded. The bodies of three bandits were found. A fourth was seen to escape, but was not captured, indicated at least one was badly wounded.

The bandits, five in all, had been driven onto American soil by Carranza troops Sunday night. They were discovered in a hut near the Rio Grande by a band of Carranza line riders, who notified Fort Hancock.

Guided by Bean and Wood, Sergeant Thompson, five regular troops and an ambulance surgeon rode to the place just at dawn.

American Fired First.

"When we rapped at the door," said Thompson, in his report to General Bell, "the Mexican appeared. I demanded that he deliver to us the bandits. He muttered something in Spanish and disappeared."

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GERMANS CONFIDENT

BREMEN WILL ARRIVE

New York, Aug. 1.—Five thousand dollars at even money has been wagered by a group of prominent Germans in New York that the Bremen, the second submarine to leave Germany, would reach some port on the Atlantic coast of this continent before Friday.

The men who got up the pool seemed confident of winning. Smaller wagers were placed that the Bremen would be here by Thursday morning.

TIE UP N. Y. CARS

Threatened Strike Would Affect 1,575 Miles of Track.

30,000 Surface Car Men Seek Aid of Subway Employes.

New York, Aug. 1.—New York's vast surface system of street car lines, comprising a total mileage of 1,575, was threatened today with the most complete tie-up in the city's history. The right to unionize is the one big issue involved.

Unless this right is granted, the 30,000 surface men by the companies, they threatened to carry the fight to elevated and subway lines. Such action, company and city officials admitted today, would result in the worst street car strike America has ever known. As it is, a tie-up of the surface lines would seriously hamper business of all kinds.

Governor Consults Officers.

The outlook was so gloomy Governor Whitman stayed over in New York today to consult with city officials. Mayor Mitchell, Police Commissioner Woods, and other officials. Governor Whitman, realizing what such a series of walkouts would mean, wanted to know if New York's ten thousand police could handle the situation without militia aid.

Mayor Mitchell today called both sides to a conference at City Hall at 1 o'clock. Conditions almost unprecedented in the history of street car strikes presented themselves today. Strikers openly boarded the cars that are still running, quietly paid their fares and stood with strikebreaking motormen and conductors, calmly urging them to join the strikers. The few passengers aboard did not even know what was going on.

COMMENT ON SPEECH

Three New York Newspapers Offer No Bouquets on Hughes Keynote.

New York, Aug. 1.—Following is a synopsis of editorial comment on the acceptance speech of Charles E. Hughes last night: New York Tribune: One clear note runs through the whole of Mr. Hughes' speech. It is a challenge of incapacity, an indictment of failure. It is rightly an indictment of Mr. Wilson's scattering point of view. But it would be idle to pretend that portion of the address which deals with the Louisiana massacre is satisfactory to the Tribune.

New York Times: Little that is new appears in the speech. It will be remembered he wishes to make the Mexican question the burning issue so that citizens accused of hybridization may have an opportunity to show their patriotism.

Washington Post: It must be admitted that the administration has never been subjected to a more piercing and destructive review of its changeable Mexican policy.

Washington Times: President Wilson will have no difficulty, after a study of Mr. Hughes' utterance, in convincing himself that there are plenty of real issues in this campaign.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Mr. Hughes made a great Republican speech and a great American speech.

St. Louis Republic: Such stuff will not be taken seriously by the American public, even the most partisan portion of it.

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You would do well to try a few doses of the crude herbs. They are in harmony with nature. Nothing but good could possibly come by their use. A. C. Klingman & Co., 120 E. Sixth street, will sell for a few days three one dollar packages for one dollar. Same will be mailed to you. Adv.

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Come Tomorrow or any day this week and take advantage of the special prices we are making on cool and attractive wash materials.

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50c Fancy Voiles—Silk and cotton and cotton voiles, fancy weaves in printed designs. Sale price, yard. 35c
25c Egyptian Tissues and Woven Flaxons—One lot to close out a yard. 19c
35c and 35c Fancy Voiles—A wide range to choose from. Sale price, a yard. 25c
One lot of Printed and Woven Wash Fabrics—Values up to 10c. Special, a yard. 10c

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